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SUBJECT: LOCAL VIEWS ON ELECTION PROSPECTS

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVEN MAYORS AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS IN FOUR PROVINCES DURING PAST WEEK FOUND MOST FAVORING EARLY (JUNE) PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF MARAS, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL JUSTICE PARTY (JP), EXPECTED THE JP TO STAKE OUT A FORMAL POSITION IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A MEETING OF PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS SCHEDULED IN ANKARA MARCH 19. HE BELIEVED THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) MIGHT END UP AS THE LONE PARTY OPPOSING EARLY ELECTIONS.

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2. JP OFFICIALS IN SEVERAL PROVINCES SEEMED OPTIMISTIC, CLAIMING THE PARTY WOULD REGAIN ALL OR MOST OF THE GROUND LOST BETWEEN 1969 AND 1973. THEY BELIEVED THAT THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY'S LEFTWARD "INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST" TREND WOULD COST IT VOTES AMONG PATRIOTIC TURKS. PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S FEBRUARY 28 VISIT TO MALATYA (INONU'S BIRTHPLACE AND TRADITIONAL RPP STRONGHOLD)-- ACCORDING TO A VARIETY OF LOCAL OBSERVERS INCLUDING THE RPP MAYOR--WENT WELL FOR HIM. CONSENSUS WAS THAT A "VERY LARGE" CROWD (ESTIMATED BEYOND 20,000) LISTENED TO HIM WITH INTEREST IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT ENTHUSIASM AT A PUBLIC RALLY.

3. REGARDING THE SMALLER PARTIES, THERE WAS STRONG UNANIMITY OF OPINION THAT THE NATIONAL ACTION PARTY WOULD DO BETTER. ALL EXPECTED THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO DO WORSE. THE NSP WAS GENERALLY SEEN AS HOLDING ITS OWN OR FALLING SLIGHTLY.

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